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TODAY and TOMORROW

Disillusionment

CAN the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard its spots? No. Equally unchangeable is the imperialist attitude of Britain to her dependencies. According to a recent report, it is authoritatively learned that the British are very firm regarding the future status of Hongkong, and are determined to retain Hongkong plus other British Pacific possessions prior to Nipponese occupation.

This information must cause great disillusionment in Chungking circles. Chiang Kai Shek and his followers have been fighting Nippon for the last seven years at the instigation of Britain and America. The fight has meant appalling misery for the Chungkingites and now holds out for them no hope of success. But even supposing that they ultimately succeed in defeating Nippon, the British, we are told, would retake for themselves Hongkong.

What a glaring contrast this attitude of the British is to that of Nippon! Soon after the outbreak of the Greater East Asia War, she became the undisputed mistress of all East Asia. How did she use this unchallenged supremacy of hers? She, of her own accord, gave up her most valuable extra-territorial rights and concessions in National China, and rendered other material aid for National China to become a really independent and sovereign state.

This noble example set by Nippon has been completely lost on selfish and power-mad Britain. Hongkong today is as far from her greedy grasp as it was three years ago. Even so, Britain has no intention of letting it to rejoin China.

Nor are the British signifying a more liberal policy towards Burma. An influential section of the Conservative Party has already drawn up a blue-print which provides for the subjection of post-war Burma to the autocracy of a British Governor for a period of five years.

If Britain's declared policy to Burma and Hongkong is so frankly imperialistic, it would be folly to expect her to adopt a different policy towards India. The recent statement in the British Press about Churchill and Amery being unwilling to accede even to the very cautious proposals of Wavell has been confirmed in a way by Eden when in San Francisco the other day he trotted out the universally rejected Cripps' proposals in defence of Britain's India policy.

The British, like the Americans, still think in terms of power politics and political expediency. Only with the liquidation of the system of colonial domination can there be any harmony in the world. But the liquidation of colonial domination is the last thing the Anglo-Americans are ready for. Only a catastrophic defeat in the Pacific war will cure them of their deep-rooted mania for other's land and gold.

De Valera's Most Powerful Retort To Winston Churchill

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Accusations Against Eire "Unworthy In The First Exuberance Of Victory"

Zurich, May 16 (Domei)—Eamon de Valera, Eire Premier, in a broadcast over the Eire Radio, tonight flatly rejected the charges brought against him recently by British Prime Minister Winston Churchill about having aided Germany, in a dispassionate, deliberate reply in which he strongly defended Eire's policy of strict neutrality in the European conflict, according to a Dublin message.

De Valera described Churchill's statement as "unworthy in the first exuberance of his victory" and coolly picked to pieces all of Churchill's accusations concerning Eire's policy of neutrality.

"Churchill makes it clear that in certain circumstances he would have violated our neutrality and that he would have justified his action by British necessity," de Valera said.

"It seems strange to me that Churchill does not see that this, if accepted, would mean that Britain's necessity would become the whole moral code and that when this necessity was involved, other people's rights were not to count."

"It is quite true," de Valera went on, "that other great powers believed this same code in their own regard and may have behaved in accordance with it. That is precisely why we have a disastrous succession of wars —World War I, World War II and shall it be World War III. Surely, Churchill must see that if his contention were admitted in our regard, a like justification could be framed for a similar act of aggression elsewhere, and no small nation adjoining the great power could ever hope to be permitted to go its own way in peace."

Although Churchill appears to be proud that Britain was able to stand alone after France's defeat and until America's entry into the war, de Valera said, "He could not find in his generosity to acknowledge that there is a small nation that stood alone not for one year or two but for several hundreds of years against aggression, that endured spoliations, famine and massacres in endless succession, that was clubbed many times into insensibility but that each time on returning to consciousness took up the fight."

De Valera said, "Eire is a small nation that could never be got to accept defeat and never surrendered her soul."

In conclusion, de Valera said he regretted that it was not for a nobler purpose "that Churchill is lending his hand than by abusing people who have done him no wrong."

ANTI-BRITISH REVOLUTION HITS CLIMAX; AUTHORITIES IN GRIP OF GREAT PANIC

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Indian War Risks Insurance Laws Now Amended To Cope With Sabotage

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Latest reports from India reveal that the anti-British revolutionary forces in India have, of late, intensified their activities. By strikes and sabotage, these freedom-loving Indians are trying their best to paralyse Anglo-American war efforts in India by striking at war-important factories, munition dumps, railway lines and other vital places which are most essential for the Anglo-Americans to prosecute their war of aggression.

Such anti-British activities of the Indian nationalist forces have become so frequent of late that the British authorities have been forced to amend the War Risks Factories Insurance Ordinance of 1942.

According to a New Delhi report the British Government in India has issued a press communique amending the rules of that Ordinance so as to cover damage resulting from explosions, or fires from explosives, munitions or other dangerous articles required for war purposes.

Although the New Delhi report was discreetly silent about the cause of such explosions in munition dumps, it is understood that these fires and explosions are being caused by the patriotic Indians who want to destroy British power in India as quickly as possible.

Meanwhile, another report from New Delhi reveals that bribery and corruption have become rampant among the British officials and their hirelings in the province of Bengal. The British authorities are trying their best to blame such a state of affairs on the Ministers. The report says that in order to protect the Ministers against the suspicion of abuse of their powers, the Bengal Administration Enquiry Committee has recommended that the Ministers should have no hand whatever in appointments, promotions and transfers or postings below a certain level.

It will, however, be recalled that the British Governor of Bengal has taken over the administration of the province under Section 93 of the Government of India Act, 1935, and therefore to blame the Ministers for the prevalence of bribery and corruption in the province is ridiculous.

Americans "Literally Blasted From Ground" In Okinawa Fighting

Lisbon, May 16 (Domei)—W. H. Lawrence, correspondent of the "New York Times," commenting on the fierce battle now going on in the Shuri sector of Okinawa Main Island, reported that American troops and Marines trying to move forward toward higher ground are being "literally blasted from the ground by hostile fire from several directions."

In one regiment of the 77th Division alone, the Nipponese pumped in one hundred rounds of mortar fire in a four-minute period, he said, while one tank company which went into action with 21 tanks and flame-throwers ended up the day's fighting with only seven tanks fit for continued operations.

Lawrence said that the American plan of advance was to have flame-throwers blaze a fiery path but even when this operation was used, it was not unusual for Nipponese machine-gunners to open fire from caves on burnt out heights as soon as the American troops attempted to move forward.

He said that Nippon artillery fire directed against these tank and flame-thrower operations was "intense" and accurate.

Russia Adamant; Vital Problems At 'Frisco Confab Bogged Down

Lisbon, May 17 (Domei)—The San Francisco Conference's action on two vital remaining issues—trusteeship and regional security—were blocked today, as the Soviet delegation waited in silence for instructions from Moscow, causing open annoyance among some of the weary delegates, according to a Reuter dispatch from San Francisco.

The dispatch said that "the conference committee on regional arrangements has completely bogged down because of the inability of the Soviet delegates to state its position," while the committee on trusteeship has been forced to wait word from Moscow on how the Soviet delegation would vote on several controversial issues.

Indicating American impatience over the new delay, authoritative sources were reported as saying that the United States has given the Soviet Union until tonight to make its stand clear.

"If Moscow's reply is not here by then, the United States will present the regional compromise formula as her own suggestion rather than that of the different countries," Reuter said.

Although most of the delegates have been looking longingly toward June 1 as the adjournment date, American sources today said that it appears impossible to complete all of the pending problems by then.

Americans Suffer Appalling Losses In Okinawa War

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Admiral Nimitz Admits 20,950 Foe Casualties On Okinawa Alone

Lisbon, May 17 (Domei)—Admitting that American forces are suffering huge casualties in the Okinawa operations, American Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz's Headquarters today reported from Guam that American battle casualties on Okinawa since the beginning of the invasion up to May 14 totalled 20,950.

Nimitz's communique, meantime, said that the fighting lines on Wednesday witnessed little change with American troops only being able to make small gains.

Tokyo, May 17 (Domei)—Although enemy forces on Main Okinawa Island have finally penetrated into the Naha front and central heights facing Shuri, our forces in this sector are holding their positions securely. Fierce fighting is going on.

Meanwhile, our forces are exacting a mounting toll of casualties from enemy forces and have dealt a series of setbacks to the enemy. On the other hand in a desperate attempt to break through our main lines the enemy has thrown even his rear-line servicemen into the front-lines and is feverishly carrying on operations.

A Nippon Base in the Okinawa Sector, May 17 (Domei)—In repeated attacks against enemy warcraft in waters around Main Okinawa Island and enemy-held airfields on the same island, our air units from dawn to sundown yesterday, May 16, added further brilliant achievements to their mounting war results.

At dawn May 16 our air units caused a detonating explosion on one enemy warcraft of unidentified category off Katena and set ablaze several other enemy vessels in the same region. Meanwhile, other air units caused successive explosions and several fires to break out in Kita and Naka airfields. On the other hand several new destroyers and other warcraft were observed blazing and drifting about off Naha.

Toward sundown yesterday, May 16, our air units attacked an enemy fleet near Kumejima and sank one large enemy transport. Meanwhile, approximately 200 enemy aircraft raided our positions throughout the island yesterday.

Nanking Abrogates Pact With Germany

Nanking, May 17 (Domei)—Following the Nippon Government's announcement on May 15 declaring all treaties between Nippon and Germany and other European countries null and void, the National Government here on May 16 through the Foreign Ministry issued a statement announcing voidance of the anti-Comintern Pact. The statement pointed out that agreements regarding anti-Communism included the International Anti-Comintern Pact and its attached protocol concluded on November 25, 1936, the protocol dated November 6, 1937, and the protocol signed in 1941 for extension of the pacts' validity.

It said China formally participated in the said pact of November 25, 1941. However, with Germany and Italy, both original signatories, having surrendered to the anti-Axis and Soviet armies, and the Italian Government out of existence, the Nippon Government has already announced that the pact has become ineffective. In addition the Communist International has been disbanded, the announcement pointed out. In view of these circumstances the National Government of China taking the same step as the Nippon Government, announces that the pact has become null and void as from today, the announcement declared.

American Annexation Of Pacific Islands Urged

Lisbon, May 16 (Domei)—Senator Hugh Butler, Nebraska Republican, in a radio address last night, opposed the trusteeship plan raised at the San Francisco Conference, calling for an outright annexation by the United States of the Marshall, Caroline, Palau, Mariana, Bonin and Ryukyu islands, according to a San Francisco dispatch.

Butler's utterance echoed the views of American Fleet Admiral Ernest King and high American military authorities, who strongly advocate American possession of the Pacific islands.

Harry Truman To Meet Stalin And Churchill

Lisbon, May 16 (Domei)—Apparently deeply concerned over mounting "Big Three" friction in the settlement of international problems, American President Harry Truman for the first time today definitely indicated that he entertains hopes of meeting British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet Premier Josef Stalin soon, according to a Washington dispatch.

72,000 American Coal Miners Remain Idle

Lisbon, May 16 (Domei)—Approximately 72,000 American coal miners have been on strike since May 1, in spite of the fact that the American Government has seized control of the mines, according to a Washington dispatch.

Iwoojima-Based Planes Raid Tokyo District

Tokyo, May 17 (Domei)—Approximately 40 Iwoojima based small enemy aircraft from 1 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. today invaded the area south-west of Tokyo and conducted a strafing attack against Fujisawa district.

America Commits Serious Error In Okinawa Venture

Okinawa Base, May 16 (Domei)—The United States committed a fatal strategical error viewing Okinawa in the same light as Attu and the Mariana islands, in the opinion of the commander of an army unit fighting in this sector. He says in the Okinawa campaign the enemy resorted to the same old tactics of establishing absolute air supremacy in the locality of the invasion operation as in the case of other Pacific island operations.

In past operations against isolated islands it was sufficient to smash an air force poured into the localized theatre of battle. This was so because these islands are at remote distance from other operational areas and spared an invasion force the threat of aerial attack from other areas. The distance factor also made it difficult for Nippon to replenish and reinforce the air force on such islands from the rear.

In the case of the Okinawa battle however, the enemy's calculations completely missed the mark, for the Okinawa Islands gave the enemy no base large enough for operation of his air force. At the same time it was too late when the enemy set his eye on Nippon air bases on Taiwan and the Nippon mainland, for by then Nippon air forces which had been seeking the opportunity to strike at the enemy had already dealt a crushing blow to enemy surface craft especially carriers, with the result that the enemy's task force no longer possesses any semblance of its original strength of several months ago. On the other hand despite enemy air raids on the Nippon mainland with Mariana-based B-29's Nippon aircraft production practically remains unaffected.

Instead of any weakening in aerial strength, Nippon aerial attacks continue increasing in intensity. It indicates a most advantageous condition for aerial wrafare which we possess, namely, it enables us to destroy and smash the enemy without going through the process of transporting and moving an air force from a far-off base of aerial operations.

The distance from Okinawa to either Taiwan or Kyushu is at the most only 600 kilometres which can be covered with even light aircraft. Under such conditions Nippon aerial attacks can be kept up incessantly until the enemy is annihilated.

Britain Unwilling To Part With Old Mandatory Rights

Lisbon, May 16 (Domei)—The British delegation to the San Francisco Conference is understood to have received a cable from London last night giving it the "green light" to go ahead with the Anglo-American compromise plan on trusteeship but making it clear that there should be "no shuffling of the existing mandates among the powers," according to a San Francisco dispatch.

The instructions from London also were believed to have reserved "freedom of action" in pressing Britain's stand. All indications point that Britain is reluctant to transfer the control of its mandated territories to trusteeship, preferring to maintain complete control over its mandates.

Meantime, Reuter reliably reported that British, French and Chungking leaders have approved the agreement between the United States and the Latin American countries on regional security.

However, it stated that Russia was absent at the meeting, "apparently because the conference was hurriedly called and the Soviet representative was unable to reach it in time."

The absence of Russia at such an important meeting was regarded odd by some observers, who suggested that the conference hastily was called by the United States in order to confront the Soviet Union with a "fait accompli."

MASS RALLY AT SELETAR TO MARK AZAD HIND DAY

In celebration of the Azad Hind Day on Monday next, May 21, a public meeting of Indians will be held at 14th mile, Seletar, at 7 o'clock in the evening, under the auspices of the Indian Independence League, Syonan Branch.

All Indians residing in Seletar area are requested to attend the meeting.

The meeting will be preceded by a visit to the Samarasa Sanmarga Sangham at 6 p.m., the party of visitors being Dr. M. K. Lukshumeyah, vice-president, I.I.L. Rear Headquarters, Sri M. K. Chidambaram, chairman, I.I.L., Syonan Branch, Sri G. Maganlal, Member-in-Charge, Finance Department, I.I.L., Syonan Branch, Sri S. R. Iyer, Secretary, Health & Social Welfare Department, I.I.L., Syonan Branch, and Sri G. Sarangapani, Member - in - Charge, Press, Publicity and Propaganda Department, I.I.L., Syonan Branch.

The following is the programme for the meeting:

7.00 P.M.—Dr. M. K. Lukshumeyah, Vice President, I.I.L., Rear Headquarters, arrives.
National Anthem.
Welcome Address by the Chairman of the Reception Committee.
President's Address.
Speech by Sri N. Veera Pillay.
Speech by Sri G. Sarangapani.
Announcement of the formation of the L.A.C. for Seletar Area by the Divisional Chief.
Closing Remarks by the President.
NATIONAL ANTHEM.

31 Raiders Downed, Damaged In Nagoya

Tokyo, May 17 (Domei)—Dai Honyei announced in a communique released at 12.40 o'clock this afternoon as follows:

"Firstly, for about two hours from about 2 a.m. today, May 17, some 100 B-29's from southern bases raided Nagoya district. They attacked the city area mainly with incendiary bombs. As a result of this enemy attack part of the roof of the main building of the Atsuta Shrine and also part of attached establishments were set afire. Fires caused at various points within Nagoya city were mostly extinguished by dawn.

"Secondly, war results that have become known thus far are nine enemy planes shot down and 22 others heavily damaged."

Anglo-American Forces Move Into Trieste Area

Zurich, May 16 (Domei)—In a move believed actually designed to bring further pressure on the Yugoslav military authorities who have taken charge of Trieste despite anti-Axis protests, Anglo-American naval forces have moved into the Trieste area, according to dispatches received here today.

An authoritative statement made by anti-Axis advanced headquarters in Italy maintained however that the movement of Anglo-American forces is simply for the purpose of clearing Trieste of mines, and was in line with their "normal duties." Italian newspapers on the other hand strongly suggested the naval movement is connected with the military and political situation in Trieste.

Enemy War Vessels Hit In Waters Off Okinawa

A Nippon Base in the Okinawa Sector, May 17 (Domei)—Continuing relentless aerial strikes against enemy surface units in waters around Okinawa as well as enemy airfields in this sector, Nippon air units operating off Katena at dawn May 16 sank one large enemy war vessel and fiercely set on fire one destroyer which was most probably sunk. In addition five columns of fire were observed shooting up skyward from among enemy craft attacked.

Striking at enemy airfields, our airmen at dawn the same day started fires at 13 points, caused explosions at two places, and a conflagration to break out at one other point. On Tuesday May 15 Nippon air units sank one large transport in the vicinity of Kumejima and also caused one large pillar of fire to shoot to the sky near Kerama Islands.

Enemy Destroyer Sunk East Of Nicobar Islands

A Nippon Base in Indian Ocean, May 17 (Domei)—Nippon surface craft at dawn May 16 attacked a group of British war vessels consisting of two cruisers and three destroyers in the sea area east of Nicobar Island, and in the ensuing battle sank one destroyer.

George Bidault Leaves San 'Frisco For Home

Lisbon, May 16 (Domei)—French Foreign Minister George Bidault has left the San Francisco Conference for Washington en route home, according to a San Francisco message.

Vice-Ministers And New Councillors Appointed

Tokyo, May 16 (Domei)—Government yesterday afternoon announced Parliamentary Vice-Ministers and Councillors in the Suzuki Cabinet as follows:—

Parliamentary Vice-Ministers:—Viscount Jiromaru Ito, foreign; Yoshimichi Kuboi, home; Sannojo Nakamura, finance; Kunitaro Koyama, war; Kentaro Ayabe, navy; Tetsutaro Hamano, justice; Count Saneaya Hashimoto, education; Nobufusa Miyoshi, welfare; Osamu Toyoda, Greater East Asia; Kokichi Uyeda, agriculture and commerce; Takea Noda, munitions; Giju Manabe, transportation and communications.

The new Councillors are Soichi Tsuru, foreign; Sumiyo Koizumi, home; Teiichi Nishikawa, finance; Viscount Tadatsuna Ohoka, war; Baron Kazui Kamiyama, navy; Baron Hitoshi Kuratomi, justice; Goro Ito, education; Masami Saito, welfare; Seisaku Naggumo, Greater East Asia; Sutesuke Fujimoto, agriculture and commerce; Takeo Miki, munitions; Takeshiro Haneda, transportation and communications.

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